

In the claims:

Claims 1-2 cancelled.

3. (currently amended) The device according to claim 413, characterized in that another sensor (5.2) is provided, wherein the two sensors (5.1, 5.2) are positioned on the two sides of the saw blade (1).

4. (currently amended) The device according to claim 413, characterized in that three additional sensors (5.2, 5.3, 5.4) are provided, wherein two sensors (5.1, 5.3; 5.2; 5.4) are positioned on each side of the saw blade (1).

5. (Currently amended) The device according to claim 413, characterized in that the sensor (5) has a flat antenna (12) for generating electromagnetic waves.

Claim 6 cancelled.

7. (previously presented) The device according to claim 5, characterized in that an oscillatory circuit connected to the antenna (12) is provided and that the evaluation unit (8) is designed so that it can evaluate the detuning of the oscillatory circuit.

8. (previously presented) The device according to claim 5, characterized in that the waves that can be emitted by the antenna (12) lie in the range of the ISM band.

Claim 9 cancelled.

10. (currently amended) The method according to claim ~~9~~14, characterized in that the detuning of the oscillatory circuit serves as the characteristic.

11. (currently amended) The method according to claim ~~9~~14, characterized in that the resonance frequency (fr) of the oscillatory circuit and/or the speed of the change in the resonance frequency and/or the resonance broadening serves as the characteristic.

12. (currently amended) ~~The method according to claim 9,~~
~~characterized in that~~claims 9, and a change in the torque of the moving part (1) is detected and the change is also used to determine whether influence should be exerted on the movement of the moving part (1).

13. (New) A device for protecting a body part of a person from contact with a rotating saw blade of a circular saw, comprising a

sensor for generating and detecting an electromagnetic field situated in the vicinity of the saw blade (1); an evaluation unit (8) connected to the sensor (5) for evaluation of sensor signals that are generated by the sensor (5), and generation of an evaluation signal; and a control unit (9) connected to the evaluation unit (8), which is configured so as to control a movement of the saw blade (1) as a function of the evaluation signal, wherein the sensor (5) is positioned on an underside (4.1) of a jam guard (4) for the saw blade (1).

14. (new) A method for protecting a body part of a person from contact with a rotating saw blade of a circular saw, comprising the steps of generating a high-frequency electromagnetic signal by an oscillatory circuit and an antenna (12) of a sensor (5) positioned on an underside (4.1) of a jam guard (4) for the saw blade (1); detecting and monitoring a characteristic of the electromagnetic signal by an evaluation unit; and based on the characteristic, making a determination as to whether influence should be exerted on the rotation of the saw blade (1).